

# **DEFINITIONS OF DATA ELEMENTS**

**NOTE:** The regulations are identified by bold and italics.

The section number located at the top right corner of the first page of each regulation refers to the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 7, Chapter 10, Article 8.

**OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**  
***CALIFORNIA PATIENT DISCHARGE DATA REPORTING MANUAL, THIRD***  
***EDITION***  
**For Discharges for the Years 1999 and 2000**

**DISCHARGE DATA ELEMENTS**

The 1999 discharge data set includes the following eighteen data elements (in alphabetical order):

Admission Date  
Date of Birth  
Discharge Date  
Disposition of Patient  
Expected Source of Payment  
External Cause of Injury and Other E-Codes  
Other Diagnoses and Whether the Conditions were Present at Admission  
Other Procedures and Dates  
Patient Social Security Number  
Prehospital Care and Resuscitation (DNR – Do Not Resuscitate)  
Principal Diagnosis and Whether the Condition was Present at Admission  
Principal Procedure and Date  
Race  
Sex  
Source of Admission  
Total Charges  
Type of Admission  
ZIP Code

**Additional Reporting Requirements**

The hospital has the option to include the Abstract Record Number for use by OSHPD and the reporting hospital to identify specific records for correction. If submitted, the abstract record number is deleted prior to release of public data.

The Hospital Identification Number (HIN) is a required part of the discharge data record. Using the reported data elements, OSHPD computes and adds to the discharge data record the appropriate Diagnosis Related Group (DRG) and Major Diagnostic Category (MDC), using the current version of the Grouper approved by the Federal Healthcare Financing Administration (HCFA).

Type of Care is also a required part of the discharge record. Type of Care may be one of the following: Acute Care, Chemical Dependency Recovery Care, Psychiatric Care, Physical Rehabilitation Care, or Skilled Nursing/Intermediate Care.